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Q And what floor was your telephone on?

A Second floor.

Q Prior to September 14th, 1922, did Dr. Hall call up Mrs. Mills on your phone? A. Yes, sir.

Q About with what frequency did he call her up?

A Very often.

Q How long had that been going on up to the time they had been murdered? A. Oh, I guess a year and a half.

Q Did she ever use your telephone to call up Dr. Hall?

A Not very often.

Q Did she do it at all? A. Yes.

Q And do you know what calls came from him? A. Yes.

Q Now, on the day of the murder, do you remember whether she used your telephone, that would be Thursday.

A She did not.

Q Did you get a call for her on that day from Dr. Hall?

A I did.

Q What time did you get it?

A Well, about the middle of the afternoon.

Q Can you fix the time?

A Well, about between three and three and a half--three thirty.

Q What message did you get for her?

A He asked me--he said, "This is Dr. Hall. Can you get Mrs. Mills to the phone?"

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Q Did you try to get her? A. I tried to get her.

Q Well, what happened?

A I couldn't make her hear.

Q What do you mean? A. I usually called from my window, and she was asleep and I could not make her hear.

Q You called to her but could not get her?

A Did not get her.

Q Subsequently did you communicate to her that he did not get her? A. Yes, sir.

Q What time did you communicate that?

A Sometime between seven and half past.

Q Whereabouts did you communicate it to her?

A On George Street.

Q Met her on the street? A. I met her on the street.

Q Now, can you fix the time?

A Well, I was waiting for the Newark trolley and it is due at Albany and George at twenty minutes to eight. I had to go from Carmen Street to Albany on the trolley before I would get the trolley, and I met her while I was waiting.

Q And you communicated to her the fact that she had been called? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you see where she went after you had told her?

A Yes, sir; she went home.

Q At the time you met her did she have any hat on?

A No, sir.

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Q And how was she dressed?

A She had a navy blue dress with little red spots, trimmed with red ribbon.

Q Now, you did not see her after that, did you?

A No, sir.

Q You don't know whether she went to Prentice's store and called up? A. Only from hearsay.

Q Somebody told you? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, this message that you got the day of the murder, was simply that Dr. Hall wanted to communicate with her?

A Yes, sir.

Q And she didn't know of that until what time you say now?

A Somewheres between seven and half past, as near as I can tell.

Q And when she left you did you see where she went, did she go towards her home?

A Well, she started down George Street, that is just on the corner. She stayed with me until I had my trolley.

Q That is practically all you know--the rest you know has been communicated to you by other people, I mean, all you know of your own knowledge is about the telephone call that day, isn't that so? The rest of the information in your statement here seems to be something that somebody has told you, I mean the daughter told you or something of that kind. You have no personal knowledge

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other than you have given us now? A. No.

Q Did you notice what dress she had on when she left you and you told her Dr. Hall had called her up?

A Navy blue with red spots.

Q Can you identify that as the dress?

A Well, there should be more of it.

(Dress shown to witness.)

MR. SIMPSON: Well, pull it out and see if there is more. Is that all there is to it?

WITNESS: There was the trimming down the side, down the front.

Q There should be four pieces you said?

A Yes, ~~for~~ trimming down the front and also down the back.

Q And would you say from what I have here that that was the dress? A. I would say that was the dress.

Q She wore no hat? A. No.

Q At the time you saw it, it was not in this condition--it was a fresh dress? A. New.

Q New, practically? A. Yes.

Q Did you ever have any---

MR. SIMPSON: I withdraw that. I think that is all.